

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA

MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, DECEMBER 2020

Production of natural rubber increased 17.1 per cent in December 2020

Production of natural rubber increased **17.1** per cent in December 2020 to **49,825** tonnes as compared to **42,554** tonnes in the previous month. On the contrary, year on year showed a decrease of **14.7** per cent.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **61,547** tonnes in December 2020, an increase of **8.9** per cent against **56,522** tonnes in November 2020. P.R. China remains as the main destination for natural rubber exports with **53.8** per cent of total exports in December 2020 followed by Germany (**10.2**%), United States of America (**5.4**%), Taiwan (**2.7**%) and Iran (**2.5**%).

Rubber gloves was the main export item with export value RM4.5 billion in November 2020, an increase of **3.6** per cent to RM4.6 billion in December 2020. United States of America, P.R. China and Germany were among the highest importer of rubber gloves.

The stocks of natural rubber decreased in December 2020 to **249,555** tonnes as compared to **259,443** tonnes in November 2020 with a decrease of **3.8** per cent.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decrease of **582.79** sen per kilogramme as compared to November 2020 (**620.76** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also decreased to **628.74** sen per kilogramme as compared to **632.74** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **42,356** tonnes, a decrease of **4.5** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry continues to dominate the use of natural rubber with **31,498** tonnes or **74.4** per cent from the total domestic consumption.















MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS

DECEMBER 2020



PRODUCTION tonnes

DECEMBER 2020°: 49,825 NOVEMBER 2020: 42,554

17.1%





Concentrate

Latex



S.M.R 20

0.6%





Rubber Estates



Rubber Consumer

P.R. China

53.8%



Rubber **Processors**

tonnes **DECEMBER 2020**°: 249,555

STOCKS

0.2%

9.6%

90.2%

DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION

DECEMBER 2020°: 42,356









Iran

2.5%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries* December 2020 ('000 tonnes)





P.R. China 55.0°



Vietnam 135.0°





Philipines 12.9



EXPORTS DECEMBER 2020 61,547





Cambodia 48.3e

Thailand

490.3°



India 90.0e

7.0e

Sri Lanka



Indonesia 222.4e



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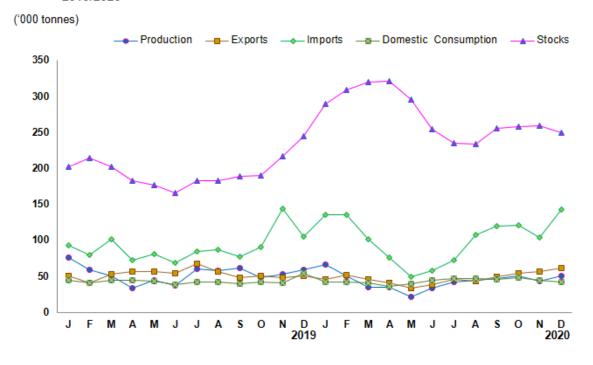
5.4%

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for December 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from December 2019 to December 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, December 2020

Principal Statistics	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	Change month-on-month December 2020/ November 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year December 2020/ December 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	58,437	42,554	49,825	17.1	-14.7
Exports (tonnes)	50,516	56,522	61,547	8.9	21.8
Imports (tonnes)	104,524	104,038	142,441	36.9	36.3
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	54,477	44,355	42,356	-4.5	-22.2
Closing stocks (tonnes)	244,930	259,443	249,555	-3.8	1.9
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,059	9,908	9,728	-1.8	-12.0
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	20,714	15,243	18,334	20.3	-11.5

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



The full publication of the Monthly Rubber Statistics, December 2020 can be downloaded through eStatistik Portal.

For more details, please refer to the Department's portal: www.dosm.gov.my

*Notes:

Data for December 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the January 2021 publication.

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